

Population growth since 1801

Tables compiled from official Census reports.

Table 1: Population by parishes, as modified by boundary changes						
Ancient parish	Bexley	Crayford	Erith	Footscray & Sidcup	North Cray	East Wickham
1801	1441	1210	969	151	192	237
1811	1774	1553	1119	239	235	238
1821	2311	1866	1363	221	245	317
1831	3206	2022	1533	308	342	399
1841	3955	2408	2082	358	517	555
1851	4490	2935	2231	369	570	666
1861	4944	3103	4143	286	578	836
1871	6448	3887	8289	390	562	942
1881	8793	4347	9812	1908	635	1182
1891	10605	5268	13414	3601	549	1303
Civil parishes under the act of 1894						
1901	12918	6752	25296	5829	661	1661
During the next ten years, Bexley acquired East Wickham but lost Lamorbey to Footscray						
1911	15895	6234	27750	8493	655	
1921	21457	11926	31558	8939	755	
1931	32652	16229	32779	12355	910	
1951	88781	27950	46270			
1961	89550	31287	45026	44030		

The figures for 1931 are those given in the 1951 Census tables. They vary from those given in the 1931 tables, no doubt because of boundary changes, e.g. in 1934 when the Kent Review Order produced many changes in local government areas. This order united Sidcup UDC (which had changed its name from Footscray UDC in 1921) with Chislehurst UDC and the parish of North Cray. See Table 2 for population by wards. There was no census in 1941. In 1965 the London Borough of Bexley was established. Its population in 2001 was 218,307.

The boundaries of wards and their names have been frequently altered between censuses. Direct comparison is therefore impossible. But Census reports give in addition to the population of each ward at the date of that census the population of the area then occupied by the ward at the previous census. This is the second figure given here.

Bexley Wards in 1921	Christ Church	10940	9504
	East Wickham	6993	3149
	St Mary's	3524	3242
Bexley Wards in 1931	Bexleyheath	14737	10294
	East Wickham	8500	4880
	Old Bexley	4433	3663
	Welling	5279	2820
Bexley Wards in 1951	St. Michael's	17536	8500
	Brampton	14316	3484
	Falconwood	13365	326
	Danson	12745	4979
	Christ Church	14177	10431
	St Mary's	16642	4932
Bexley Wards in 1961	Brampton	11289	12432
	Christ Church	10769	10968
	Danson	11818	12745
	East Wickham	11192	10882
	Falconwood	8650	9784
	St. Mary's	11544	9384
	St. Michael's	11328	12119
	Upton	12960	10467
Crayford Wards in 1921	Slade Green	4979	2618

	Crayford	6947	3616
Crayford Wards in 1931	Slade Green	4953	4979
	Crayford	10943	6947
Crayford Wards in 1951	Barnehurst North	6566	-
	Barnehurst South	7616	-
	Cray	5355	-
	Slade Green	3572	-
	Town	4841	
Crayford Wards in 1961	Barnehurst North	8270	6566
	Barnehurst South	7553	7616
	Cray	5237	5355
	Slade Green	5776	3572
	Town	4451	4841
Erith Wards in 1951 (none in 1921 or 1931)	Abbey Wood	6429	6506
	Old Church	6698	7754
	Town	7150	5571
	Bostall	11103	1245
	Belvedere	6516	6286
	Northumberland Heath	8374	5417
Erith Wards in 1961	Abbey Wood	6401	6429
	Old Church	5970	6698
	Town	7225	7150
	Bostall	10977	11103
	Belvedere	6530	6516
	Northumberland Heath	7923	8374
Footscray/Sidcup Wards in 1951 (none in 1921 or 1931)	Lamorbey East	8858	-
These wards are those in the Sidcup part of the Chislehurst and Sidcup UD to which Sidcup belonged from 1934 to 1965	Lamorbey North	6822	-
	Lamorbey South	6067	-

	Longlands	7366	4158
	North Cray	3084	910
Footscray/Sidcup Wards in 1961	Lamorbey East	8260	8858
	Lamorbey North	7358	7744
	Lamorbey South	5005	5145
	North Cray	6379	3491
	Sidcup East	9190	9187
	Sidcup West	7772	7905
London Borough of Bexley Wards in 1971	Belvedere	15851	12822
	Bostall	9580	10066
	Brampton	10632	11289
	Christ Church	10326	10769
	Crayford North	14679	12979
	Crayford Town	9735	9466
	Crayford West	7543	7553
	Danson	10587	11279
	East Wickham	11482	11192
	Erith Town	12507	12091
	Falconwood	5695	6049
	Lamorbey East	10186	9974
	Lamorbey West	14006	13789
	North Cray	4199	3773
	Northumberland Heath	11123	11114
	St. Mary's	15025	13897
	St. Michael's	11334	11328
	Sidcup East	13600	13704
	Sidcup West	9761	7772
	Upton	9080	8987
London Borough of Bexley Wards in 1981	Barnehurst	6451	
	Barnehurst North	3982	
	Belvedere	11359	
	Blackfen	6673	

	Blendon & Penhill	9781	
	Bostall	9518	
	Brampton	10393	
	Christchurch	10094	
	Cray	5817	
	Crayford	10246	
	Danson	9656	
	East Wickham	11005	
	Erith	10259	
	Falconwood	3698	
	Lamorbey	10087	
	North End	10703	
	Northumberland Heath	10567	
	Sidcup East	10889	
	Sidcup West	9745	
	St. Mary's	11271	
	St. Michael's	10602	
	Thamesmead East	11205	
	Upton	10351	
London Borough of Bexley Wards in 1991	Barnehurst	6242	
	Barnehurst North	4013	
	Belvedere	12451	
	Blackfen	6817	
	Blendon & Penhill	9463	
	Bostall	9432	
	Brampton	10046	
	Christchurch	9779	
	Cray	5506	
	Crayford	11423	
	Danson	9442	
	East Wickham	10728	
	Erith	10495	

	Falconwood	3561	
	Lamorbey	10160	
	North End	10949	
	Northumberland Heath	10207	
	St. Mary's	10651	
	St. Michael's	10209	
	Sidcup East	10727	
	Sidcup West	9548	
	Thamesmead East	13965	
	Upton	9819	
London Borough of Bexley Wards in 2001	Barnehurst	10277	
	Belvedere	10839	
	Blackfen and Lamorbey	10419	
	Blendon and Penhill	10413	
	Brampton	10309	
	Christchurch	10402	
	Colyers	10593	
	Cray Meadows	10459	
	Crayford	10306	
	Danson Park	10304	
	East Wickham	10366	
	Erith	9795	
	Falconwood and Welling	10534	
	Lesnes Abbey	10961	
	Longlands	9612	
	North End	10465	
	Northumberland Heath	10480	
	Sidcup	10429	

	St. Mary's	10035	
	St. Michael's	10671	
	Thamesmead East	10707	